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"We cannot always oblige, but we can always speak obligingly."
—*Voltaire.*

SCHEDULE

1915
September
" 17. 4-30 P.M. Boys' Branch Literary Union. Essay on "India in the Near Future."
" 18. Boys' Excursion to Ennore.
" 19. 4 P.M. Men's Meeting. Speaker: The Rev. F. B. Heiser.
" 21. { Class in Wrestling, 6-30 P.M.
Lantern Lecture Army, Branch, St. Thomas' Mount.
" 24. { Indian Sports, 4-30 P.M.
Literary Union—Debate on "Town Life and Country Life."
Royapettah Branch—Meeting of the Sub-Committees.
" 25. Amateur Boxing Class, 8 A.M.
" 26. 4 P.M. Men's Meeting.
" 28. Class in Wrestling, 6-30 P.M.

A Fortnight's Canvass for 300 New Members

In the previous number of our bulletin we announced that on the 23rd August, the last day of the campaign, 233 *bonâ-fide* members had been secured and that 186 more had signed their application forms hoping to pay the membership fee before September 7th. We also anticipated that the total number of paid up members on the 7th will exceed the number we originally aimed at in order to double the membership, namely, 303. Our anticipations have been amply justified because the membership thermometer which indicated the rise of membership has burst because it could not hold the 323 new members that have joined the Association as a result of the canvass. This success is entirely due to the untiring exertions of the Membership Extension Committee consisting of about thirty members. Once again we extend our hearty congratulations to these committee members both on the success they have attained and the splendid spirit of service with which they were actuated. Our general members may be interested to

know something about the organization and methods of work which the committee men employed in order to attain their goal.

The various activities of the Madras Y. M. C. A. were chosen as the natural units about which teams could be formed. Thus the teams that were organised were called after the following activities :—Football, Hockey, Tennis, Billiards, Graduates' Club, Y. M. C. A. Hostel, Y. M. C. A. Lodge, Commercial classes and Royapettah Branch. Each of these teams had a Captain assisted by two fellow-workers. One of the encouraging features of this organization was the fact that men of all classes and religious faiths co-operated in a spirit of brotherly rivalry. The first thing that this Committee did was to arrange for a large Membership Social to which all members with one friend each were invited. After an interesting programme was gone through, the General Secretary and Mr. R. K. Shunmugam, one of the Captains, explained the aims and objects of the Association and the proposed Membership Extension Plans, inviting the support of the general members. This social as well as the large poster exhibiting in cartoon the privileges of the Association and the various attractive notices that were put up from day to day brought the claims of the Y.M.C.A. in a vivid way before many a person. The neat little folder with statistics, illustrations and other necessary matter served its purpose in enabling people to know something about the Y.M.C.A. and in particular the Madras Association.

The Committee men met every evening to report each day's work which was recorded in the large twelve-foot pictorial thermometer that was placed in a conspicuous place in the building.

Most of the teams worked splendidly well and have thus contributed to raising the total senior membership to 626, which, along with 175 members of the Boys' Branch, will make up a grand total of 801, the highest number on the rolls in the history of the Madras Y. M. C. A. Two prizes of equal value will be awarded to the Hockey team consisting of Messrs. E. Gideon, B. Kutappa and P. V. R. Sebastian and to the Royapettah team of which Messrs. M. Nather, G. S. Lamech and Nagabushana Rao are members. These two teams alone have secured 63 new members each. The Hostel A. team, consisting of Messrs. K. Kuriyan, E. J. Kuruvilla and J. Kuriyan comes second, having secured 32 members and will be entitled to the second prize. The prizes, if utilised, would have been not in cash but in Association privileges but the teams have most generously offered the value of their prizes to buy a ping-pong table for the Royapettah Branch and a Hockey net, the excess cost to be met by the Association. This decision, we consider, is the crowning act of the unselfish spirit with which the committee members were actuated all through.

Reception to the New Members

As a sequel to the Membership canvass came the welcome and Reception to the new members on Friday the 10th September. The first part of the programme commenced at 4-30 P.M. Srimathi S. Bhavani Ammal gave a delightful *veena* performance for nearly one hour. Mr. Shunmugam who was in charge of Tea arrangements managed with his band of assistants to serve tea for over 400 people within one hour. The second part of the programme was conducted in the Auditorium with Mr. M. D. Devadoss, B.A., B.L., (Bar-at-Law) one of the Board of Directors in the chair. Mr. S. J. Augustus on behalf of the old members welcomed the new members and Mr. A. S. Rajam replied in an eloquent speech. Vocal and instrumental musical items were given by Mr. and Mrs. Frohlich, Srimathi S. Bhavani Ammal and Messrs. Lazard, K. Kurien, B. David and others. Messrs. Asker Ali and T. Sitther recited some pieces which were well appreciated. L/cpl. B. R. Corker brought down the house with his comic song "It's a lie" and was encored to which he responded. Mr. Herman made some announcements regarding certain activities of the Association and requested those present to indicate on the Membership Activity card that was distributed which of the three items given in the card each member is interested in. The Social came to a close with the Chairman's concluding speech and the singing of the National Anthem. Every one present seemed to have highly appreciated the social.

Notes

The Royapettah Branch has been busy recently appointing several committees to look after the different activities of the Branch. Mr. M. Nather is taking special interest and with the co-operation of other members in Royapettah the branch in this locality is likely to become useful to the young men of Royapettah. On the 8th September, Mr. Heinricks delivered a magic lantern lecture on "Yellow-stone Park of America." Over 100 members were present and they appreciated the lecture very much.

The Hockey team is progressing remarkably. They recently won a match against one of the strongest teams in Madras.

The interhostel tournaments in Football, for some reasons, will be continued after the Michaelmas holidays. The winners in Badminton are the Teachers' College Hostel Team, Tennis Singles—Mr. T. N. Kurien of the Y.M.C.A. Lodge and Tennis Doubles—Players from the Victoria Hostel.

A Convention for Christians will be held in the Memorial Hall from October 2nd to 5th, by Messrs. Eddy, Sircar, Glover and Dr. Tracy.

An Evangelistic campaign is to be held from the 16th to

23rd December by the members of the several churches in Madras.

The Indoor Games Committee has decided that only two ping-pong balls will be supplied every day. This is because the Committee has found that some of the members misuse the materials supplied. The ping-pong balls are sometimes broken not by play but by thoughtless banging them about. The rubber rings are thrown all over the room after the game is over. The Committee is determined to put a stop to such a state of affairs.

Mr. Herman, the General Secretary, spent a few days at Ootacamund helping the local Y. M. C. A. Some of our members who go to Ooty during the summer are sure to be benefited by the service which the Ooty Y. M. C. A. is likely to render if it is on a sound basis.

Messrs. W. H. Heinrichs and Appu Nair have been elected Secretaries of the Graduate's Club. They are now busy collecting arrears in subscription that have accumulated somewhat owing to the summer holiday.

BOYS' BRANCH

The following is the result of the Matches played during the last fortnight :—

Football

	goal.
2nd September	
Juniors *vs.* Hostel Team...	1 : 2
11th September	
Sub-Juniors *vs.* S.P.G. High School Team ...	

Badminton

	Games
4th September	
Juniors *vs.* Maharashtra Club ...	2 : 0

Mr. Waldo H. Heinrichs delivered the inaugural address of the Literary Union for this term on Friday the 3rd September. His subject was "The American Boy of Hawii," and he had hung up on the walls two big maps of Hawii to show the geographical position and features of the place. Having come from Honolulu, the capital of theHawii Islands, and having been a Secretary of an Association which contains a large number of Y.M.C.A. Junior members,he appeared to know everything about boys. He gave an elaborate description about Hawiian boys, about their physical prowess, mental ability and general education. He also explained some of their games, their swimming pools and other national amusements and recreation. Lastly, after speaking about the natural temptations of the Hawiian boys, he warned our members from like things and strongly condemned the use of tobacco showing clearly the pernicious effect it has upon the human body.

At the close of the meeting some beautiful photos of Hawiian people and scenery were shown to the members.

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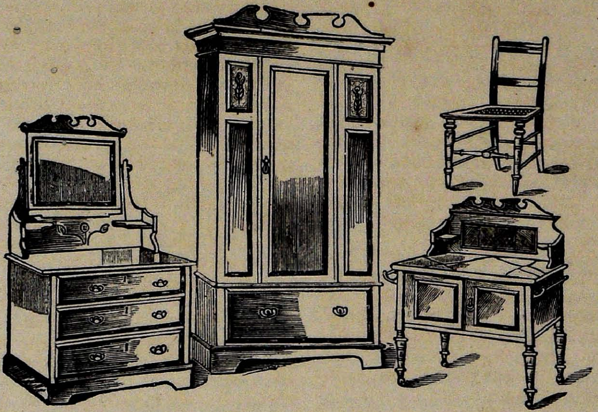

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